

THE LEHI BANNER.

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THAT PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The First Presidency correct the misstatements.

A Tribune reporter yesterday afternoon called on President Willard Woodruff for the purpose of interviewing him relative to the disturbance caused by Democratic leaders over there at a priesthood meeting. The general head of the Mormon church had, however, already prepared a statement for publication, which is as follows:

To All Whom It May Concern—
Inasmuch as there has been much written and said concerning the proceedings of a priesthood meeting held in the assembly hall on Monday, the 7th day of October, I feel it my duty to make a statement concerning it.

I consider it the right of every man, woman and child on earth to enjoy their religion, let that religion be what it may; for that is between themselves and their God. No Party with regard to politics. Every man has a right to enjoy his political belief un molested, let this be what it may. There is not a Democrat in Utah Territory who can truthfully say that I ever ask him to vote the Republican ticket, or join the Republican party.

A part of my own family are Republicans and part are Democrats. I have never counseled one of them to change his politics. They are all of them good, independent men, and they enjoy their freedom without any interference of either father.

Now, concerning that meeting referred to above was not, according to my recollection, one word said about Democrats, Republicans or politics. Joseph F. Smith's remarks were upon the same subject that the Apostles had taught through the conference to ten thousand people.

When the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized, it was with the holy priesthood in its various orders and quorums. And when a man was appointed to the Apostleship, or Presidency, or in any office, as a teacher of the people, it pleased him in a very grave responsibility, and so he was entitled to liberty, from the organization of the church, to engage in any branch of business, or politics, or anything else to take him entirely away from his calling, his business, duty or responsibility for length of time, without first consulting with the Presidency of the church, or with his quorum, on the propriety and getting permission to do so. And this he has rested upon us all alike, and this has been my position for many years of my life, and that, too, without interfering with my priesthood. And this course does not require a man to give up his position in the Democratic party or in the Republicans.

So far no Democrats have called upon me since this campaign commenced. Among the number was my friend, John C. Clegg, who had been nominated for vice-president. I replied, "John, think you will make a good vice-president." And so still.

Every man has his own free agency. He has the right to withdraw from his church, or the church, if he wishes. But while he remains in his church or his church, we think he should be subject to the same rules that we are subject to. But that duty does not require me to withdraw from the Democratic or Republican party, or even from his political principles.

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"At the close of my remarks, Apostle Grant, who, if politicians could dislodge us, is as distant from us as I am from the stars, arose and uttered a dark word and said, and added that it was tacit understanding that he and his high authority in the church intended to engage in any present action to dominate superior to the church, but to obtain consent for his proposed actions, but to advise those whom he was responsible in the church that his services would not always be available.

The meeting was held with the single purpose of trying to move the more rigid church discipline and the idea of political influence was not even apparent during the time we were deliberating. I will say, further, that every man present had the right to speak, and had any objections in misunderstanding arisen, they would have been explained then.

False Telegrams.

The following shows what kind of telegram was sent back east from the Territory:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16, 1895.—Eastern papers tonight are filled with press dispatches from Salt Lake City headed "Row Among the Mormons, Sabbath May be Lost." One element of the church is arrayed against another so utterly that steps to establish into a state may be taken and the church totally disrupted.

The source of this information is unknown and decisive very few in the East. The Philadelphia press this morning has the following editorial:

"If reports are correct, there is also certainty of Republican success in Utah at the coming election. The Democratic leaders are talking about withdrawing their ticket because of alleged church interferences." If this should be done, it would evidently be for the purpose of affording some excuse to the President for withholding his endorsement and letting the states in the Union, and to exclude, if possible, its Senator and Representative in Congress. It does not seem possible that such a ridiculous effort could succeed even temporarily.

Notice:

To Stockholders Lehi Irrigation Co.—A meeting of stockholders of this company is hereby called to meet at the City Hall on Oct. 24, '95, at 7:30 p.m., to determine in what manner means should be taken to expand our resources.

By order of Board, Oct. 14, 1895.
John Wadsworth, Secretary

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

In view of the great want of space in the Tribune, we are compelled to publish this notice in the Tribune.

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REGISTRATION CASES.

Shady Proceedings of the Democritals of this precinct.

To voter were obliged to be Reg star Cardinals, and were to be members of the church, to avoid their elections and the Republicans of Lehi, of Salt Lake, and John Booth of Provo, complained that those who had registered and objected to by the Democrats as strange thing about the proceedings is that not one of the ten voters a Democrat while nine of the ten proven bona fide voters in this precinct and the tenth was ruled out on technicality.

The case of J. S. Hippie was recalled. It was shown there was real doubt about service being in fact in every instance Registrar C. A. and ruled adversely to the voter. Finally the case was postponed. Afternoon when the adjournment of the Democratic attorney finally forced the registrar into dismissing the case of Hippie and to vote for state offices.

He Smith objected to Will Stark a hearing and it may be noted that Stark seems to have objected to every one cited to appear. Stark declared that he intended to take up his residence here but as his parents reside at Payson and he has been guilty of violating the戒律, ruled against him and he will have to go to Payson to vote on officers unless the Democratic registrar holds contrary to our officer and has matched off his name.

The others objected to were Len Oakley, John Reddick, James Barnard, A. E. Everett, Duro Gara, Mr. Orinshaw, Nathan Pratt and Mr. Tyner.

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When the young girls of the order, such as beauty or suppressed lotus, minimal or dark color, frequent calls if the amount is large and a very high color it indicates trouble in the kidneys. Diseases in these organs are dangerous, hence the importance of paying attention to stop the trouble. Dr. J. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balsam Relieves a heating and stimulating influence over the kidneys and other organs and will cure an early indication to normal conditions. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by T. J. Wadsworth.

Dr. Christensen,
DENTIST

American Fork, Utah.

Very small of pocket, pain, rest and cost of Captain's for \$1.50.

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